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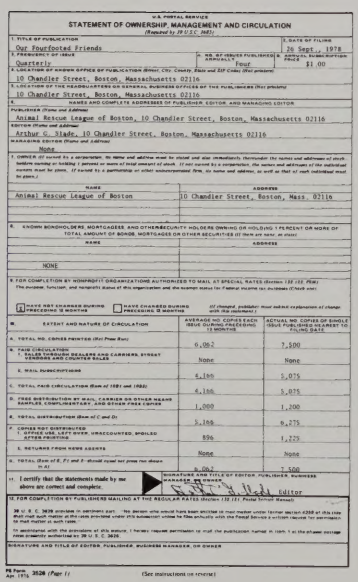

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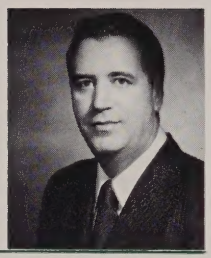


A Special Gift for You and Your Pet

As a small token of our appreciation to all the many members and friends of the League, we have enclosed a special gift for you and your pets in this issue of ''Our Fourfooted Friends''.

When you turn to the center fold of this issue, you will find an ''Emergency Pet Alert'' card which we hope you will tear out and use as an added protection for you and your pets. It has been designed as a wallet-size Pet Alert for you to carry with you. In the unfortunate event of a sudden illness or accident, this card will alert hospital, police or other emergency officials that your pets are home alone. It gives your name and the names, addresses and phone numbers of two friends or relatives who can be contacted to care for your pets during such an emergency. We feel these alert cards will be especially valuable for people who live alone. I truly hope you will find the card helpful and worthwhile to carry in your wallet.

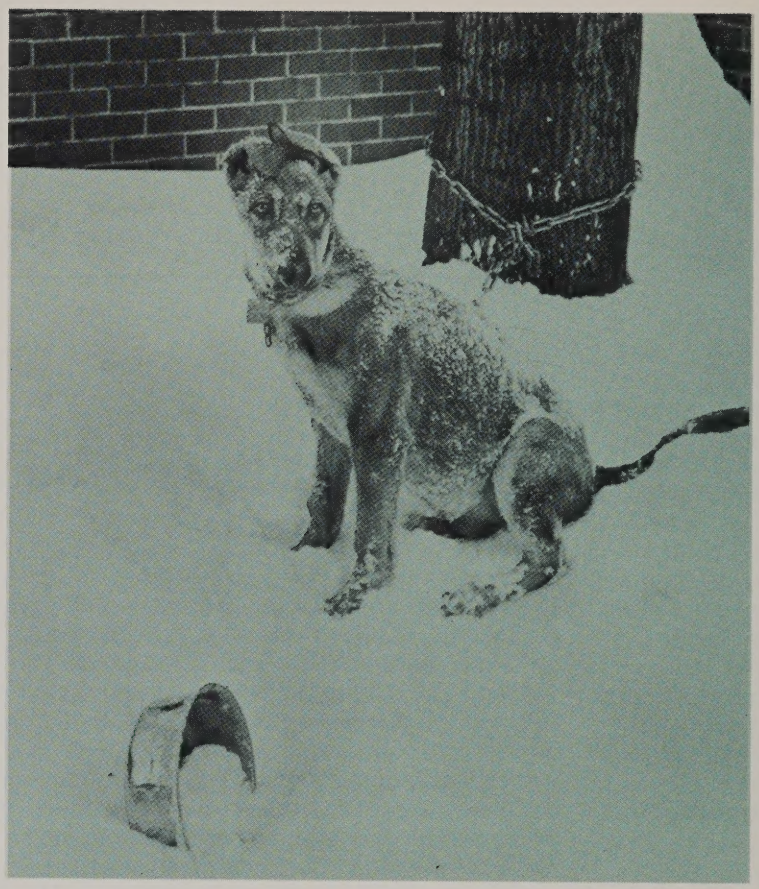
As an added bonus, we have also included a vacation check list for you to use the next time you are planning a trip without your pet. Most of the items on the list are common sense, but I believe you will find it useful to be sure you have provided for all the animal's needs before you depart from home. By making sure you have taken care of all the needs on the list, both you and your pet will have a more enjoyable and happy time away from home.

For an additional safeguard, members of the League may take advantage of our ''Operation Identification''. This I.D. tag with the League's name and phone number will provide a positive means of identification at any time in the event your pet is lost or stolen and the finder calls us. We will notify you, or someone designated by you, of the location of your pet. It is especially important if you leave you pet with a friend or kennel when you are away from home, as animals often become confused and lost in unfamiliar surroundings (see centerfold insert for further details).

We would be happy to hear from old and new friends alike about this service. It's reassuring to know your pet always has a friend at the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

Arthur G. Slade
President

Winter pet care pointers



New England's long winters, with their freezing temperatures, blustering northeast winds and abundant snowfalls are routinely hazardous to the health of small animals, both wild and domestic, but last winter was a particularly rough one for many unlucky pets in the area.

The now legendary blizzard of '78 resulted in hundreds of cases of lost or injured pets - confused animals that couldn't find their way home in a white wilderness, dogs and cats separated from their families during forced evacuations, and many actually buried in snow drifts. One plucky pekinese from Franklin, Massachusetts was discovered alive, buried in eight feet of snow, after being missing for 11 days. Others were not so lucky.

Pet owners can profit from last year's sad experiences by being aware of what not to do in the case of another blizzard emergency. First of all, never allow small animals out to run unsupervised even in your own backyard during or right after a heavy snowfall. Even after the snow has stopped falling and the sun has come out, it's easy for a small animal to fall through soft surfaces or get trapped in deceptive drifts.

Anyone living in coastal areas where evacuation may be a real possibility should display a notice in a front window, or on the door, indicating that there are live animals inside, in case they should happen to be stranded miles from home when an evacuation takes place.

Proper identification on your pet is important all year long, but it can be a life saver for an animal that gets lost in a winter storm. People who may be reluctant to take on the responsibility for an unidentified animal are much more likely to be generous with food, water and shelter as long as they know the situation is temporary and they can easily return the animal to its proper owner when the emergency is over.

Extra precautions are vital during blizzard situations, but they are also important throughout the winter months for anyone who cares about a dependent pet's safety, health and comfort.

Winter brings hazards other than simply cold temperatures or snow. Some can cause discomfort or injury. Deposits of rock salt or sand, for example, can become painfully imbedded in soft paws, but you can protect your pet's feet with a thin coating of petroleum jelly. Others are potentially deadly, like drained antifreeze, which is highly toxic, causing kidney damage, convulsions, coma and usually death when injested. For some reason, dogs are attracted by the scent and likely to lap up spilled antifreeze so, when you drain the old antifreeze from your car in order to put in a new supply, do not let it simply run into the driveway.

The winter months are definitely not the time to decide that a dog will live outdoors in a doghouse. Dogs should be introduced to outdoor living in mild weather, so that their coats and bodies can adapt gradually to colder temperatures.

Never leave an animal that's accustomed to the comforts of home outdoors for any length of time in cold or inclement weather, especially a puppy, kitten or older animal. Make a habit of checking frequently on the whereabouts of your pet, rather than just assuming another member of the family has let the dog or cat in at the appropriate time.

Very young pets or older ones can always benefit from the added protection of a coat or sweater for walks on cold, windy days. It's also a good idea to keep an old towel near the door for rubdowns on rainy or snowy days. Try to discourage pets from drying off, or napping, in front of radiators or hot air vents. Direct heat can cause dry skin problems and excessive shedding.

Don't be concerned about giving an animal a bath in cold weather. There should be no problem as long as you keep your pet indoors and out of drafts until dry. A good alternative is a dry shampoo with cornmeal, followed by a thorough brushing to eliminate dirt and doggy odor as well.

Dogs that are used to living outside in a doghouse should weather normal winter temperatures quite well. Just be sure the doghouse is dry, raised a bit off the ground and sheltered from direct winds. Beef suet, meat or bacon drippings are a good winter diet supplement because they help build energy and body heat. Be sure to check your pet's water dish frequently to be sure the surface hasn't frozen over.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS CAN BE RISKY FOR PETS

Right at winter's start comes one of the most hazardous times of all for pets - the Christmas holiday season when everyone's halls are decked with decorations that delight the eye but spell danger for inquisitive, adventurous young animals.

Hang loose may be good advice during the rest of the year, but during the holidays, hang high - especially mistletoe boughs and other holiday plants and garlands that are poisonous. Shiny leaves and flowers will look and often smell quite tasty to your pet, but when chewed or swallowed many cause sickness or death. Common household plants that are poisonous include pointsettia (leaves and bracts), mistletoe (especially the berries), holly leaves and berries, Christmas roses and even the ever-popular philodendron.

Christmas dinner leftovers and holiday candies are obviously not good for your pet, but even more damaging to the digestion are: broken ornaments which can perforate the intestine; tinsel, ribbon and cord which can cause intestinal blockage if swallowed, and artificial snow which is poisonous. Dangling electric cords from tree or window lights are another potential source of tragedy. It's best, in fact, to make the Christmas tree completely out of bounds for the family pooch or puss. Unless someone is present to keep a careful eye on them, keep the pets out of the room where the tree is located by closing the door or using a child guard gate.

By simply taking a little extra time to be caring and careful, you can make the holidays and the whole winter season a safe, healthy and happy time for you and your pets.

ANNUAL FAIR

Some scenes from Animal Rescue League's 1978 Annual Fair held on November 2nd at League headquarters in Boston.

Pets in the Picture

"Here's Cinnamon," writes A. Fernandez of West Roxbury, "who has been forced to live such a hard life for four years with the Moran family of Roslindale. She was adopted in September of 1974 along with her sister, Daisy, who still visits her often. This is what she does after the two of them spend the day romping in the Arnold Arboretum."

If you'd like to see your pet's picture in print, send it along to Pets in the Picture, Our Four-footed Friends, Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117.

Welcoming the 'Year of the Sheep'

Since the dawn of civilization, mankind has depended upon its fellow creatures for food, transportation, and companionship. It's not surprising then that animals have played such an important role in many nations' folklore, traditions and even religious observances.

The eastern or oriental zodiac, for example, has a cycle of twelve years instead of months, each with its traditional animal symbol. The coming year, 1979, will be welcomed in Chinese and Japanese -American communities as the year of the sheep, traditionally one in which the fine arts will flourish and gentleness and humane attitudes should prevail.

The most common story of the origin of this zodiac system is that Buddha on New Year's Day called all the animals to him, but only twelve answered his summons, arriving in the following order: rat (or mouse), ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog and boar. As a mark of honor for paying homage to him, Buddha gave a year to each animal, in this order. It was believed that the animal's characteristic traits would influence persons born in that year, and that fortunes may be told from these symbols. The current twelve-year cycle began in 1972.

People born in the year of the sheep are supposed to be elegant, highly accomplished in the arts and passionate by nature. They also have a tendency to be shy, pessimistic, puzzled about life and uncertain about what direction they should take.

Wise and gentle in their ways, sheep people are easily moved to pity for those who are less fortunate. It is said that they are the kind of people who leave packages of food at the door of a destitute family or anonymously send them money, expecting no thanks in return.

Deeply religious and timid by nature, they are seldom leaders. They are not eloquent speakers and make poor salesmen, although they are usually passionately committed to whatever they do and whatever they believe in. Because of their uncertainties, sheep people must be guided. They usually do best in the arts and rarely have a problem with providing good clothes, an ample table and comfortable living in general, for their abilities always make money for them in sufficient amounts to exercise their good taste.

People born in the sheep year supposedly have a tendency toward love and emotional problems during the second phase of their life, but extreme good fortune during the third phase (the oriental zodiac divides the life span into three phases).

The best marriage for a sheep-year person is supposed to be a rabbit, boar or horse; next best would be one born in the year of the tiger, dragon, snake, sheep, monkey or cock. One born in the rat year would be a bad partner for a sheep-year person, and the worst would be one born in either the ox or the dog year.

Which year were you born?

Rat or Mouse	1924 1948 1972 1936 1960	Horse	1930 1954 1978 1942 1966
Ox	1925 1949 1973 1937 1961	Sheep	1931 1955 1979 1943 1967
Tiger	1926 1950 1974 1938 1962	Monkey	1932 1956 1944 1968
Rabbit	1927 1951 1975 1939 1963	Cock	1933 1957 1945 1969
Dragon	1928 1952 1976 1940 1964	Dog	1934 1958 1946 1970
Snake	1929 1953 1977 1941 1965	Boar	1935 1959 1947 1971

Keeping up with upkeep costs

The dollars and sense approach to pet ownership

A pet's affection and companionship are priceless; unfortunately its upkeep is not! Pet food, shots, health care, proper shelter - all of these things carry a price tag that, like everything but skirt lengths, is rising every year.

Too often when deciding whether the family can afford a pet, people do not think beyond the initial investment. "But the puppies are free, Mom," is a plea familiar to most parents. And what youngster has never said, "I know I could save enough for a horse by delivering papers (substitute here: 'baby-sitting, lawn-mowing, etc.").

The welfare of all animal life is the League's major concern, so staff members are naturally delighted to be able to place pets with people, in a loving, stable and permanent relationship. But if the relationship is not to end in disillusionment and heartbreak, prospective pet owners must understand the ongoing responsibilities of pet ownership, and determine whether or not they will fit into the budget, before acquiring a pet. "There is nothing sadder than seeing an animal returned to the shelter a few months after adoption because the no-longer cute puppy is now 'eating us out of house and home,' explains a League adoption counselor. Even worse are the plights of the animals one seldom hears about, those that are neglected, in need of medical care or even starving because their owners literally can't afford to give them proper care.

To help those considering pet ownership decide beforehand whether they can afford the responsibility, the League has researched the averaged costs of caring for a variety of different pets. Here are some general estimates:

Horses:

The dream of owning your very own Trigger or Black Beauty is universal among children, and strong enough to be fairly fresh in the memories of most adults as well. But whether you have the space needed to keep a horse at home (at least an acre of land, with stable), or board a horse at a stable, the annual upkeep costs are high, in the area of the mortgage payment or a college tuition.

The League's department of livestock conservation conducted a survey of 63 stables and riding centers in Massachusetts to determine what the individual who has never owned a horse can expect to spend during the first year of horse ownership.

Prices and cost figures were averaged from the 63 replies, so bear in mind that your costs might be higher or lower, depending on your individual situation.

FIRST YEAR'S COSTS

Purchase of a good riding horse	$750.00
Purchase of tack (saddle, bridle, halter, etc.)	300.00
Shoeing Expense (6-8 times yearly)	150.00
Feed (Hay and Grain)	800.00
Veterinary care	100.00
Private Riding Lessons ($8.50 hr. for 50 wks.)	400.00
Miscellaneous equipment	50.00
Stable construction or renovation	2,000.00
Total First Year Cost.....	$4,550.00

Should you opt to board your horse at a local stable, your costs would approximately be the following:

FIRST YEAR'S COST

Purchase of a good riding horse	$750.00
Purchase of tack	300.00
Veterinary care	100.00
Shoeing Expense	150.00
Riding Lessons	400.00
Boarding Costs ($125/mo. for 12 mos.)	1,500.00
Total First Year Cost.....	3,200.00

Following the first year of ownership, your yearly dollar outlay will be less if you keep your horse in your stable than if you board him out.

A SPECIAL GIFT
FOR YOU AND YOUR PETS
FROM THE

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OF BOSTON

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- ☐ Patron, $500.00
- ☐ Life, $100.00
- ☐ Supporting, $35.00 annually
- ☐ Active, $10.00 annually
- ☐ Associate, $5.00 annually
- ☐ Donor, Any amount

Enclosed is my check in the amount of:

$ _____.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Contributions are tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON
Tremont & Arlington Streets
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117
Telephone: 426-9170

☐ Please send # _____registration form(s) for my pets' I.D. tags.
(Additional I.D. tags available at $1.00 each.)

For added protection for your pets, members may join:

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

We will send you a tag to attach to your pet's collar with your member number on it and our telephone number. If your pet is lost or stolen and the finder calls us we will notify you, or someone designated by you, of the location of your pet. *This is a 24-hour seven-days-a-week service.* It's especially vital if you leave your pet with friends or a kennel when on vacation or away from home. Pets often get lost in unfamiliar surroundings. It's comforting to know your pet always has a friend at the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

A WALLET-SIZE "PET ALERT" CARD

In the event of an accident or serious illness, the information on this card gives the name, address and telephone number of two friends or relatives who will care for your pets.

Just detach this card at the perforation and print your name on the front and the names and telephone numbers of two friends on the back side.

EMERGENCY PET ALERT!

_____

Name

In case of accident or illness, please contact the person listed on the reverse side to care for my pet who is home alone.

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

PLANNING A VACATION *WITHOUT* YOUR PET?

Here is your *Pet's* vacation check list.

- ☐ Be sure your pet has up-to-date vaccinations. Visit your veterinarian.
- ☐ Take your pet to a boarding kennel so you won't worry about him and can enjoy your vacation. Select a kennel based on a recommendaton from someone you trust. Inspect the kennels to be sure the pens are spacious, clean and escape proof.

In case of emergency contact:

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

or

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

If these people are unavailable, contact the Animal Rescue League of Boston, for temporary assistance. Telephone 426-9170.

- ☐ Check your pet's collar to be sure it has his license tag (if he's a dog) and his Animal Rescue League "ID" tag attached securely.
- ☐ Lead a dog into the kennels on a strong leash and transport a cat inside a pet carrier box.

Provide the boarding kennel owner with the following written information:

- ☐ The name, telephone number, and address of your vacation place.
- ☐ The dates you'll be gone.
- ☐ The name and telephone number of your veterinarian.
- ☐ Neighbors' names and telephone numbers in case your pet escapes and finds his way home.
- ☐ Your pet's favorite diet in case he becomes finicky, or a special diet or medication if prescribed by a veterinarian.

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

Above all, remember that once you have purchased a horse, you have committed yourself to giving him the best of care for 365 days a year. If you are keeping him on your property, this means that you have to do all the work involved with feeding, cleaning the stable, fence maintenance, grooming, etc. It can be a big job and on cold, wet days when you are tired, it may not be fun. If you are not ready to make this commitment to your horse, your alternative is to board him at a good stable where you can be assured he will get proper attention.

If you are not sure that owning a horse is for you, consider renting one for an hourly rate at a nearby stable. This will give you the opportunity to learn to ride without a large outlay of money. Then decide if owning a horse is for you.

In the August issue of Horseman magazine, writer Mavis Anderson summed up the heartbreak of having to give up two ponies because the expense of keeping them had been underestimated: "Selling the ponies was sensible, practical, necessary, and I'd almost as soon have cut off my arm...I feel like screaming every time I see letters in magazines from kids 'saving up' to buy a horse. It's the upkeep that eats you up. As the saying goes, 'If you have to ask how much it costs, you can't afford it.' With horses, if you can't even afford to buy it, you surely can't afford to keep it."

Dogs and Cats

The initial purchase price of a dog or cat will vary widely, depending on your own preferences and place of purchase. If you have your heart set on a purebred, or are interested in an animal for breeding or show purposes, the cost at a reputable breeder ranges from $150-$500 for a purebred dog; from $50-$300 for a pedigreed cat. If you're looking primarily for a pet that's companionable and affectionate, your local animal shelter or humane society, such as the Animal Rescue League of Boston, has a wide selection of homeless animals available for adoption at prices that range from $10-$25 for a dog; $8-$15 for a cat.

	DOGS [30 LB.]		CATS	
	First Year	Each Succeeding Year	First Year	Each Succeeding Year
Food	$150.00	$130-160.00	$90.00	$90.00
Check-up and Distemper Vaccination Series	30.00	10.00	20.00	10.00
Rabies Vaccination (every 2 yrs.)	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.00
Worming	10.00	---	10.00	---
Neutering	45.00	---	35.00	---
License	4.00	4.00	---	---
Misc. Medical	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
TOTALS:	$272.00	$203.00	$188.00	$129.00

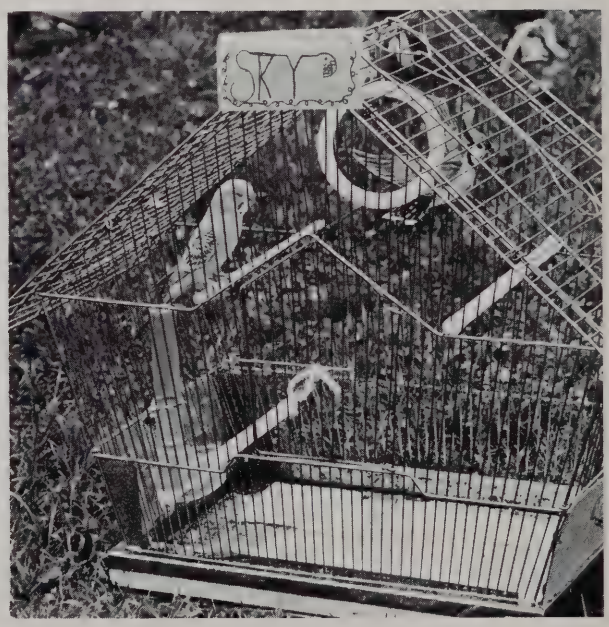
Pet ownership costs

This does not take into account the cost of such other necessities as collars, leashes, food and water dishes, grooming aids like flea powder and shampoos, and the numerous toys you'll be tempted to pick up for your pet. Plan on an additional first year outlay of about $25-35 for the incidentals.

Birds

Amusing and lively pets, birds require much less in the way of time, attention and money. Unless you're looking for an exotic specimen like a parrot which can cost as much as $150-$200, or cockatiels and lovebirds which are $50-$100, the initial purchase price is reasonable. You can get a small bird, like a canary, parakeet or finch for anywhere from $10 to $20. Additional costs should average:

Cage:	$10-25
Food:	25
Gravel & cage lining:	15
Veterinary care:	25
	$90



Fish

Fish are among the easiest and least expensive pets to care for. Ten gallon starter aquariums are available for about $20, and fish are individually priced from about .50 each and up. Food costs will vary depending upon the number of residents in your aquarium, but will still be low. Fish food runs about .79 for 8 ounces, but fish require only a small fraction of an ounce of food per fish, per week. Overfeeding is one of the major causes of sickness and death among the pet fish population.

SMALL MAMMALS - ANNUAL UPKEEP COSTS

	Rabbits	Guinea Pigs	Hamsters & Gerbils	Mice
Purchase price:	$10-20	$10	$5-7	$2
Cage:	10-25 (4'x2' min.)	10-20	8-20	5-20
Food:	30	24	17	17
Equipment: (dishes water bottle exercise wheels, etc.)	10	10	5-10	5
Misc. medical care:	15	15	15	15
TOTAL:	$100	$79	$69	$59

Books for holiday giving

For the pet owner or animal lover on your list, there are many new publications and perennial favorites as well that they'll enjoy all year long.

DOG CATALOG by R.V. Denenberg. A comprehensive collection of canine facts and fancy from Biblical times to today. Those who have seen and enjoyed the now-classic **Cat Catalog** will welcome this new companion publication for dog enthusiasts. Illustrated with whimsical drawings and photographs, it covers just about every subject related to man's best friend, including health care, training, cultivating the family tree, and dog-beat-dog show competitions. 270 pages, large paperback format. Grosset & Dunlap, Inc. $7.95.

MUTT: THE FIRST GUIDE TO THE ALL-AMERICAN BREED by Nancy Dolensek and Barbara Burn. A new publication devoted entirely to the 46 million dogs born each year in this country that are not purebred. A salute to the natural superiority of the mutt, which, according to the authors, in one appealing package may offer the humor of a poodle, the friendliness of a beagle, the loyalty of a shepherd, the soul of a Labrador. A fascinating, fact-filled book on the special appeal and particular needs of the mixed breed animal, with photographs, prints and drawings by dog cartoonist, Roy McKie. Clarkson N. Potter, Inc. $6.95 paper; $14.95 cloth.

CAT CATALOG: THE ULTIMATE CAT BOOK edited by Judy Fireman. A perennial favorite of feline fanciers, this oversized paperback compendium of cat lore covers just about everything worth knowing about the cat in your life and its ancesters. A collection of articles written by experts in the field, it outlines the history and folklore of cats, their place in literature and art, different breeds, their health and habits, care and entertainment. Workman. $6.95.

THE TROPICAL MARINE AQUARIUM by Vincent B. Hargreaves. It's the age of aquariums, and raising tropical sealife in a saltwater setting becomes a practical proposition with this comprehensive new guide. It contains full descriptions of almost 200 species of fish and invertebrate available (including sea anemones, living coral, sea urchins and mollusks), plus information on the tank, airation, filtration, how to make salt water, decoration, care and maintenance, and how to breed marine fish. Featuring over 200 full-color photographs. McGraw-Hill. $16.95.

Sasha, "cover dog" for MUTT.

"The night before Christmas"

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring - not even a mouse.
But their eyes were all shining in uneven rows
In dreams of some Janets, Johns, Jerrys and Joes.
The kittens were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of little mice danced in their heads.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
The monkey sprang up to see what was the matter.
Away to the window he flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
When what to his wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound
And frightened a pigeon, a hamster and hound.
His welcome was joyful with barks and meows.
The guinea pig whistled, a lone puppy howled.
Santa was surprised but glad to receive
A salute from a Mynah bird perched in a tree.
"Howdy Santa!" he said, "Come in, look about,
"Merry Christmas dear Santa, please help me get out."
He perched on Santa's shoulder as he marched down the line
On a tour of the shelter in Santa's short-running time.

"Hello Spot! Hi there, Tag! Why there's Brownie and Zipper!
"Where are your masters when you're in such a fix?"
"I got lost" said Spot, "The police brought me in.
"I'm sitting here waiting for my boy, Lynn."
The others agreed they were hoping for homes
With love and good care, friendly children and bones.
Santa heard and he turned to a whimpering bleat.
'Twas a black puppy with four clumsy white feet.
Santa called to the puppy, "Would you like a nice bone?"
"Oh no," said the puppy, "I just want a home."

Santa walked on, his head slightly bent.
How could he help? He hadn't a cent.
He thought as he entered the nursery part
"I must think of something!"
They had all touched his heart.

Santa pressed his nose against the pane of the glass,
"Oh my, what is it? It looks like a mass
"Of noses, and toeses, tails, eyes and white patches,
"It's certainly a strange breed - nothing matches."
The Mynah bird whistled, it caused a small riot!
"Now I know," laughed Santa, "Now I can try it."
"They are puppies. The babies, they surely are cute,
"The black one appears to be wearing a suit."

This awakened the kittens. They stood up en masse
To watch Santa's beard as it sparkled through the glass.
They were black ones, white ones and calico bright ones,
Gray ones, and buff ones and long fluffy white ones.

Santa smiled as he turned to leave for his sleigh.
The idea came, he would help in this way,
When he bid all good people the Season's good cheer,
He'd remind them to please help the shelter this year.
So with a prayer in your heart and a twist of your pen
You can help many animals be happy again.

Contributions are needed, are welcomed. That's right.
Merry Christmas to all and to all, a good night.

Courtesy of the Humane Society of the
Willamette Valley, Salem, Oregon

animal rescue league NEWSFRONT

SHOPPING FOR A PET? LEAGUE HAS EXTENDED WEEKEND ADOPTION HOURS

For the convenience of those who are at work or school during the week, the League has extended its weekend adoption shelter hours in the Boston headquarters, corner of Arlington and Tremont Streets. The adoption shelter is now open Saturdays, from 10 AM to 3 PM, with an engaging variety of puppies, kittens and lovable older animals too, all waiting for someone to offer them the best Christmas gift ever - a permanent home.

N.E. LIVESTOCK CONSERVATION, INC. HONORS LEAGUE'S PAST PRESIDENT

Dr. Carlton E. Buttrick, former president of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and past treasurer of New England Livestock Conservation, Inc. (N.E.L.C.I.), recently received a special award in the form of a silver Revere bowl for his outstanding and dedicated years of service to N.E.L.C.I. He is beginning his 29th year as a member of the organization's board of directors. The award was presented by Donald M. Kinsman, president of N.E.L.C.I., at the organization's annual meeting, held in Dover, N.H., in October.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 1978 scholarship. Co-winners of the $600 scholarship were Casmiria Marek of Torrington, Ct., a freshman at the University of Connecticut at Storrs; and Valerie Jean Warburton of Barnstead, N.H., a second year student at the University of Maine at Orono. Dr. Louis Malkus of the scholarship committee presented the awards.

New Hampshire's Commissioner of Agriculture, Howard Townsend, was featured speaker for the evening, presenting a talk titled "That We May Eat," which dealt with the rising costs and problems that face the New England agriculturist today. Organized by Alan D. Goldman, director of livestock at the Animal Rescue League, the meeting marked the 42nd anniversary of N.E.L.C.I.'s service to the agricultural community of New England.

TOMMY

From Mrs. Eileen M. Shaw of Brighton, comes the following poem, written in memory of her pet, companion and friend of fourteen years who died this spring.

Some folks say, "He was just a cat"
And shrug their shoulders so.
But how little do they know of that,
When my spirits are so low.
For Tommy was a different pet,
This cat I held so dear.
Loving, kind, affectionate
Cuter through each year.
His death has brought a vacant space
In my heart and home today.
No other cat can take his place,
No matter what folks say!

LEAGUE HOSTS CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR HORSES

The League's own Santa will make his yearly visits to stables in Massachusetts during the holiday week with carrots, apples and 1,000 pounds of Blue Seal horse feed, donated by the H.K. Webster Company, Inc. in Lawrence, Mass. This year will be the League's 65th annual Christmas Dinner for Horses, a tradition begun by League founder Anna Harris Smith in 1913 when the horse was Boston's major form of transportation. Today most working horses in the area are at pleasure riding stables, or used as aids in law enforcement by the state, city and M.D.C. police.

WELLESLEY VOTERS DEFEAT LEASH LAW FOR DOGS

"Canine power wins Wellesley," read a recent Boston Globe headline, but the article goes on to describe an election in which the town's canines were the real losers. After a "heated debate", those participating in a November town meeting in Wellesley, Mass. defeated a proposed leash law by a margin of 116-95, voting to retain the current "control law" in effect since 1975. "We voted for freedom of the canine," said town meeting moderator David Sargent, but those in the humane field know that this really means that the town's dogs will be free to get lost, free to get kidnapped, free

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to be injured or killed by an automobile. Many of the town's elderly residents opposed the law on the grounds that they would be unable to walk their dogs on a leash, but even the current control law requires that a dog should be permitted "to move about only under the direct control of its owner, keeper or member of the owner's household." A more humane solution, it would seem, would be the use of outdoor wire runs in the backyard, if possible, or a dog walking service for senior citizens.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Recognize this famous presidential pet? It's President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's much photographed Scottie, Fala, wistfully eyeing a collection of his rubber toys set aside as part of the Executive Mansion's contribution to the nation's scrap rubber collection during World War II. This photograph appeared in the August 1942 issue of Our Fourfooted Friends.

PUTTING ON THE DOG

Instead of complaining when their dog sheds, dog owners might try what Mrs. Kathleen Oliver of Traverse City, Michigan does - get out her spinning wheel and make yarn from the doggy discards. To date, her poodle George and another part-collie, part-shepherd named Susie, have contributed enough hair to knit a pair of mittens, an afghan and a couple of sweaters. When a neighbor heard about her hobby, he contributed 11 ounces of sheddings from his malamute, which knitted up into two sweaters.

WHEN IS A POOCH IN THE "PRIME OF LIFE"?

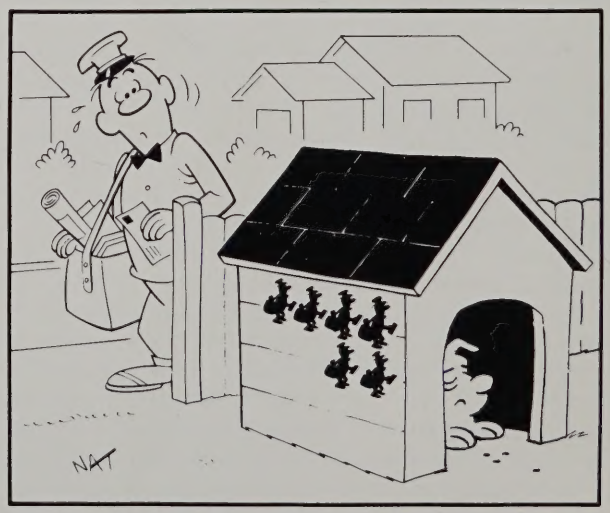
If your dog is over a year old and you still think it's behaving like an adolescent, you're probably right. From the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society comes a handy formula for calculating an average-sized dog's age and maturity in terms of human development. In general, large breeds age more rapidly than small.

Beyond two years of age, a dog's maturity rate slows, each year being the equivalent of four years in man. So, if your dog is over two years old, simply figure his first two years of life as being equal to about 24 years of our life, then add four years for each additional year of age:

Dog's Age [months]	Man's Age [years]
06	10
12	15
18	20
24	24

Then add four years for each twelve months; thus a dog aged ten equals a human aged 56; a 16-year old dog compares with a human of 80; and by age 21 a dog is in the category of a 100-year-old man.

PARIS POSTMEN SAY: NO LEASH, NO LETTERS



If they refuse to tie up their dogs during mail delivery hours, French residents will have to pick up their mail at the post office, postal officials have announced. According to a recent Associated Press report, dog attacks on French postmen have risen 41% in the past year, with 3,000 mailmen bitten.

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Pocket Appointment Calendar

Available in navy blue vinyl with white imprint of the League's logo, this attractive pocket calendar measures 6½ x 7" opened flat; 3¾ x 6½" when folded for convenient carrying in pocket or purse.

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But all the long year through
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you."

John Greenleaf Whittier

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